

Second Quarter Events

All events are subject to change or cancellation due to the situation around the Coronavirus. Check with the church for updates.

April 2nd – Heart to Heart – Nothing scheduled at this time

April 11th – Easter Egg Brunch for children 3 years to 10 years of age starting at 10 am till noon

April 12st – Easter Sunday



May 7th – National Day of Prayer

No regular Heart to Heart meeting
The whole church is welcome to attend
Sandwiches will be served at 6 pm
@ 7 pm will move to the auditorium for a night of prayer

May 16th – All Daughter’s Banquet @ 5 pm

June 6th – Heart to Heart – to be determined

June 28th – Ice Cream Social

Aspire Ladies Conference

The Aspire conference will be held at Grace Church in Brunswick, Ohio on May 15th. Anyone interested in going please text Audrey Rogers at 330-338-2054 before the sign-up deadline of April 19th. The cost is \$20 for this one night only conference. Come join us!

Check out the new video announcements and services on the Temple Baptist Church site on Facebook.

I am adding a new featured section to our quarterly newsletter. We have lost some wonderful ladies over the years and they are still missed very much. At some point in time some of these ladies have submitted favorite recipes to the church for cookbooks. Rather than use a new recipe from the internet, I plan to choose one of these old favorites to feature. This first quarter I have chosen one by my dear friend, Betty Moore. I have a title for this new section but am open to suggestions if anyone has a better idea. I would be happy to hear what it is. Please, let me know before our next newsletter deadline on June 6th.



Laying Down Your Life

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. (1 John 3:16)

Jesus displayed the ultimate love for us when He gave His life on Calvary to pay for our sins. He truly laid down His life. And He asks us to do the same. But what does that mean? Can we really lay down our lives for others? If so, what does that look like?

We lay down our lives for others when we put their needs before our own. This can happen in a number of ways. First, we need to get past any selfishness in our lives and begin to adopt the “others first” attitude that Jesus taught. This means we won’t always get our way. It also means we have to have a servant’s heart – even when it’s difficult.

Today, take a close look at the people God has placed in your life. Is there someone you should be laying down your life for? What can you do to place that person’s wants and needs above your own? Ask the Lord to help you implement His “others first” mentality. No, it won’t be easy; but yes, it will be worth it.

Lord, it’s not easy to have a servant’s heart. But You expect no less from me. This is how we know what love is, Father. You showed us by example. Today, please show me who I can lay my life down for. Amen.

From: **3 – Minute Devotions For Women**



The Son Rises The Blind Will Truly See

The sun rises above the western view
And paints a stunning picture framed a golden hue.

Across the sky it shows its warmth and light
Illuminating the beauty of creation, wings of eagles’ flight

A golden ray skips between the blinds and marks the floor below
Lighting up the space inside, even webs reflect a glow

The physically blind cannot see this activity of light
Even though they long for just a glimpse of what is sight

As the sun sets things nocturnal are filled with such delight
Soon even those with sight are cut off in a world without light

In darkness both are blind and trust their way is right
Never sure as they move ahead struggling with all their might.

To see, to really see beyond this light so often frail
That earthly light that so often dims, our senses it does assail

The Son rises from a hand-hewn tomb of stone
As the beauty of His glory shows across that ashen dome

Holy light now fills the earth so everyone can see
The right from wrong, the good from bad, the choice that sets us free

No longer does man have to stumble on things he cannot perceive
He has Christ, the true living light, and that he **MUST RECEIVE!**

By Walt Irwin (copywrite 2007)
Submitted by Christina Shreffler

And He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.

St. Augustine
Words of Life

Give Thanks in Every Situation

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Philippians 4:6

The apostle Paul instructs us to be thankful in every situation, no matter what our circumstances may be. In I Thessalonians 5:18, he actually says this is God's will for us. When our soul has been wounded, we do not always feel like being thankful. But Paul says to be thankful "in every situation," not just in the situations that are easy or pleasant.

Sometimes all we can do is be thankful that God is getting us through a situation, keeping us and sustaining us each day. We may be on a difficult journey, but we can thank God that he is walking with us every step of the way, that He never leaves us or forsakes us.

The more God heals our soul, the more thankful we can be. Every new level of healing and wholeness we experience is a reason to thank God. But the question is: Can we thank God before we see the big breakthroughs we long for? Can we use our faith to believe He will move in our lives and be grateful for that?

In Exodus 15:20-21, Moses sister, Miriam, sings a song of praise for parting the Red Sea and taking Israelites through it on dry ground and then putting the waters back together so that Pharaoh and the Egyptians drowned. It is good that Miriam took time to thank and praise God, but anyone can thank Him after He does something great, and it is good to do so. My challenge for you today is to begin to thank and praise Him before you see what you are believing Him for. Don't be like Miriam and merely to worship God after you have victory; go ahead and worship Him in advance. This will help you develop a habit of thanksgiving that expresses gratitude to God, regardless of the circumstances.

When Paul teaches us to give thanks "in every situation," he is encouraging us to develop a lifestyle of thanksgiving. We are to thank God throughout each day for everything He does for us, all the ways

He helps us, and everything He has promised us. Giving thanks to Him should not be something we do once a day when we sit down to a meal or just before we go to sleep, as we try to think of all the good things He has done for us that day. I often say, "Pray your way through the day," as a way of encouraging people to develop a lifestyle of prayer, but it's just as important to thank your way through each day. The more thankful you become, the more aware you are of God's blessings in your life. When you go through life with a growing awareness of His blessings, thanking Him often, every day is easier, happier, and better.

Joyce Meyer

Healing the Soul of a Woman Devotional

TBC Ladies – Stirring Up Memories

Chicken and Broccoli Alfredo

Recipe from Betty Moore

½ pkg. linguine or 8 oz. spaghetti noodles
2 Tbs. butter
1 pound boneless chicken breast – cut up
1 can cream of mushroom soup
½ cup milk
½ cup grated parmesan cheese
1 cup fresh or frozen broccoli

Cook the linguine or spaghetti noodles according to the package directions, drain and set aside.

Melt the butter in a skillet. Add chicken breast and fry until brown, stirring often. Mix in soup. Stir well and then add the milk and cheese. When fully combined, mix the linguine or spaghetti noodles together with skillet mixture. Salt and pepper to taste. Ready to eat.

Songs We Love

Annie Sherwood, born on May 28, 1835 in Hoosick, New York was an American poet and gospel hymnist. At the young age of 14, Annie displayed a gift for verse. But it wasn't until later in her life, following her marriage in 1859 to Charles Hawk, that she wrote her first song. Annie centered her life on being a wife and mother to her three children. It was during this time in her life that her family attended Hanson Place Baptist Church where she met Pastor Dr. Robert Lowry. Pastor Lowry was the one who encouraged her to continue with her poetry.

Annie's own account of the song "I Need Thee Ever Hour" was this. At the age of thirty-seven on a sunny morning in 1872, busy with the regular household tasks of a busy wife and mother, she was suddenly filled with a sense of nearness to the Lord. The words she wrote that day was a testament to her devotion and dependence on Him. They also suggest a constant need for the Savior in our lives. The hymn came from a place of love, joy, and the appreciation for her salvation.

I need Thee every hour
Most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like thine,
Can peace afford.

I need Thee every hour,
Stay thou nearby.
Temptations lose their power
When thou art nigh.

I need Thee every hour
In joy or pain.
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

I need Thee every hour,
Teach me thy will.
And thy rich promise
In me fulfill.

I need Thee every hour,
Most holy one.
Oh, make me thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son.

These are the words Annie had written and shared with her pastor, who was also gifted. He was given credit for putting the verses to music and Pastor Lowry was the one to write the refrain:

I need Thee, Oh, I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior!
I come to Thee.

Annie reflected on the power of the song following the death of her husband. "I did not understand at first why this hymn had touched the great throbbing heart of humanity. It wasn't until my own great loss I understood the comforting power in the words permitted to give sweet serenity and peace." It was now an expression of her own experience. It was a hymn of great comfort then and still today! Composing over 400 hymn texts during her lifetime, this song, "I Need Thee Every Hour" is her only hymn still sung today.

Hebrews 4:16, *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.* This verse and this song are an encouragement in our own relationship with the Lord. In joy or sorrow we need Him – every minute, every hour of every day!

By Peggy Somosko

A prayer to be said when the world has gotten you down and you feel rotten, and you're too doggone tired to pray, and you're in a big hurry, and besides, you're mad at everybody: HELP!

Charles Swindoll
Growing Strong in the Seasons of Life

Casting Lots

During various times in the Bible, people cast lots to help them make decisions. They believed, in many cases, that the outcome was actually determined by God, so this is hardly a case for Atlantic City. A few examples:

The scapegoat was chosen that way. Leviticus 16:8

Joshua cast lots to distribute land to all the Israelite tribes.
Joshua 18:10

Sailors cast lots to find out who was responsible for a big storm. It turned out to be Jonah. Jonah 1:7

The disciples cast lots to choose a replacement for Judas.
Acts 1:26

The Israelites cast lots to figure out when each family was supposed to bring wood to burn at the altar. Nehemiah 10:34

Soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothes. Matthew 27:35

David cast lots to choose heads of certain families who would minister. I Chronicles 24:5

Musicians cast lots to decide their responsibilities.
I Chronicles 25:8

Lots were cast by families to choose gate keepers in Jerusalem. No wonder. Who would volunteer for the Dung gate, anyway?
I Chronicles 26:13

Fun Facts About the Bible You Never Knew

Robyn Martins



Friendship

You have to work at friendship
Like a gardener with his flowers,
Cherish the tiny buds of love,
Treasure the happy hours,
Plant loving seeds for future bloom,
Pluck out the weeds and tares,
Water the soil with loving deeds
And firm it down with prayers.

You have to work at friendship
With a tenderness and zeal
Drawing your friends into your heart
With roots as strong as steel,
Shaping the growth with loving thought
As careful gardeners do,
If love and peace and happiness
Will ever bloom for you.

For friendship is a tender plant
Of bud and root and vine,
Frail as the mist above the hills,
Fragrant as myrrh and pine,
Rooted in earth its branches reach
Beyond the farthest sea,
Yet clings in little tender words
Between my friend and me.

And like all worthwhile things it pays
Dividends in a hundred ways.

By Edna Jaques
Submitted by Brenda Angelo



Sherry's Book Corner Adult Column

Hello ladies! It won't be long, and I will be seeing all of you face to face! We will be able to attend church the first Sunday in April. It will be good to see you. As I have said before, we always keep you and your families in prayer. One thing I enjoy about Florida is the OUTSIDE! Unless it is raining, we are outdoors from the time we get up until bedtime. I guess you could say it is like being a kid again. Riding your bike, hanging out in the boat, and just enjoying the gifts of nature. Also, though we do have fun riding around on Randy's motorcycle. Now that is one activity I did not do as a kid!

Speaking about nature, I found this book to very interesting and useful. For you teachers out there, this is an excellent reference tool for kids to learn more about butterflies and their habitat. With spring and summer ahead, I thought you could prepare for a butterfly garden if you don't already have one. Nature, where would we be without it? When I think of Heaven, I know we will be blessed there with these beautiful creatures God made just for us!

Until next time, escape into the great outdoors!

In Him,
Sherry Kline Bolitho

Adult Book:

Title: Raising Butterflies In The Garden

By: Brenda Dziedzic **Publisher:** Firefly Books **Price:** \$24.95

The author Brenda Dziedzic noticed that there were less butterflies around today than she saw in her childhood. By providing a butterfly garden, she could study these fascinating insects and the native plants they depend on. The book features more than 500 color photographs showing the life cycles of over 35 butterflies and moths. Each profiled species also includes a North American range map.

A few of the butterflies featured are **Swallowtails** - Black Swallowtail, Eastern Tiger Swallowtail and Spicebush Swallowtail. **Blues** - Eastern Tailed-Blue, Karner Blue and Summer Azure. **Brushfoots** - American Lady, Monarch and Red Admiral.

The moths featured are **Silk Moths** - Cecropia Moth, Luna Moth and Polyphemus Moth. **Sphinx Moths** - Hummingbird Clearwing. **Tussock Moths** - Gypsy Moths.

Sherry's Book Corner Children's Column

Hi kids! Are you ready for spring and summer to arrive? I sure am! I will be back from Florida soon and it will be good to see you once again! One of the libraries I sell books to, purchased a copy of this book last fall. I fell in love with it. I think you will to. Our story takes place in California. This is where the author Tony Johnston grew up. As an adult, while visiting her cabin in the California countryside one day she unexpectedly saw a puma. That is why she wrote this story. I think you will also enjoy the illustrations. They are colorful and they draw you into the story. In other words, you are there, in California.

Maybe some of you out there would like to become writers or artists. Study this book. It will give you thoughts about your own ideas. The illustrator Jim Lamarche does beautiful work. I own a copy of a book he wrote and illustrated called The Raft. It is a true story about him spending the summer with his grandparents. I keep it at the foot of my bed on my cedar chest. The book inspires me to do my best with my writing skills. Think about it.

Until next time, enjoy the gift of reading!

In Him,
Sherry Kline Bolitho

Children's Book:

Title: Puma Dreams

Written By: Tony Johnston

Illustrated By: Jim Lamarche

Publisher: Simon & Schuster for Young Readers

Price: \$17.99

Age group: 4-adult

While a young girl hangs out with her grandma, she longs to see a puma. The puma is sometimes called "the ghost of the mountains" because it is so secretive. They are also called panther, mountain lion, cougar, painter. After the jaguar, it is the second-largest cat of the Americas.

Pumas once ranged from North America to the Patagonia region of South America. They are now endangered. Mostly due to home building and agriculture. The young girl's grandma gives her some good advice. One day she will see a puma. But when and how?

Who is Jesus?

Jesus died. He rose from the dead. And the world changed forever.

But why did Jesus die, and what does His resurrection mean? How has the world changed? How does His death and resurrection affect our lives today?

When we think about someone's death, we can't really appreciate its significance unless we know *who* we're talking about. The significance of Abraham Lincoln's death can only be fully felt when we understand who Lincoln was – and the same goes for Mother Teresa and other historical figures. Their lives changed the world, and their deaths did too.

From a purely historical point of view, there's no one in human history whose life changed the world more than Jesus. More biographies have been written about Him than any other person (Lincoln is second). Indeed, the original four biographies of Jesus in the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) are a large part of why the Bible is the number one selling book every year.

No one's teaching has had a deeper impact on culture, politics, morality, justice, philosophy, and human character than Jesus Christ's. His moral teaching – such as the Golden Rule and the importance of compassion and forgiveness – forms a bedrock for billions around the world. Indeed, Jesus continues to set a standard that our modern world fails to live up to. How well do we love our enemies? Do we pray for those who persecute us?

And what about when we consider who He was according to His own claims? He came to reveal God to us. He's God the Son who existed from the very beginning. He's the One through whom His Father crafted the entire cosmos – including the humanity of which Jesus Himself chose to partake. If these claims are believed, there can be no question that Jesus was the most significant man who ever walked the earth.

When we realize that the One through whom humanity was crafted *died as a man*, we begin to see the depths of this event. In fact, once we understand who Jesus is, we shouldn't at all be surprised that He would rise again from the dead. The truly remarkable thing is *that He died at all!* How could the Creator be killed by His own creation?

The answer is love. The gift of His eternal Son is the ultimate demonstration of His Love. Jesus chose to take up human life *and* lay down His life so that we, broken, rebellious, proud human beings might be brought into loving relationship with our heavenly Father – our Maker and our Judge. Jesus came to die that we might live. His death spells our life because of who He is. He's God Himself come to us as one of us so that He might bring us home with Him.

If Christ's death can only be appreciated by understanding who He is, so too His resurrection from the dead. Lazarus was raised from the dead (by Jesus), but his resurrection didn't change the fate of humanity. But when Jesus was resurrected, He conquered the last great enemy of humanity – death itself. He rose victorious over death, and death no longer has any claim on Him.

Jesus promised that one day He'll call us out of our graves and we'll literally live again. Our bodies will be resurrected like His. Death will have no further claim on us. Death will die.

The ultimate man died the ultimate death so that our ultimate fate would be eternal life with Him. This Easter let's pursue Jesus, the one who first came in pursuit of us.

Con Campbell, VP of global content
Our Daily Bread
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Easter Potatoes Casserole

6 medium potatoes
¼ cup butter
1 pint sour cream
1 can cream of chicken soup
1/3 cup chopped onions
1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

First boil the potatoes. Shred cooked potatoes and set aside. Melt butter in a saucepan. Add sour cream, chicken soup, onions and cheese. Stir until cheese is melted. Mix well with the potatoes. Put in a baking pan and sprinkle with paprika. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serves 10.

Planting a Seed

I recently got told something that didn't just make my day but made me feel even more blessed than I normally feel!

The plant where I work is undergoing some major expansion changes. As a result, the parking lot where I normally park was taken away and everyone that used that lot had to begin parking in the lot our production employees use. Before I just had to swipe my ID card to get into park, but I now have to show my card to the security guard. After a few days of this and the guard talking pleasantly to me each morning, he asked me if I remembered him. At first, I didn't but after a while thinking about it, I did remember him. He had been an employee with our company for two years between 2013 and 2015. But what he told me after that was what wowed me. He told me he wanted to thank me. I was confused because I didn't know of anything that I had done for him to be thanked for. But he went on to tell me that he was now a Christian and it was because of a seed I planted in him when he was employed with me earlier. He was now going to a good bible-based church where he lives and attends a bible study class. And for the new year he began on his own a plan to read the bible thru in a year and he's already ahead of where he is scheduled to be at this time. He's doing great but he still struggles sometimes he said. I hope to be an encouragement to him. I've brought him a couple of books – one geared specifically toward men – to help him and in return he gave me a lovely devotional that he had already read. I am not sure what I did back in the beginning of his journey to get him to this point, but I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to do this little thing that has and will continue to make a huge impact on this man's life.

When a seed is planted it is placed in soil and then nurtured with water and sunlight. The soil surrounds the seed giving it security and sustenance. The water satisfies its thirst and brings with it minerals to feed it. Sunlight can travel a short distance through the soil where it begins giving warmth and energy thru photosynthesis. In the Christian world when a seed is planted, it is a desire to know more of our God. This can be due to the witness of a believer or simply seeing how a Christian lives, and wanting to know more about it, to have that same

feeling of love and belonging for themselves. From that little feeling planted in the soul, fed by a growing knowledge in the Word, the warmth of Christian friends, and the thirst for fellowship with other believers to help it grow, a new life is brought to the Lord. To be a believer is wonderful but it's not a road traveled alone. We need the interaction and fellowship of like-minded people, but we also need to share what we have with others that more will find their way to the Lord and an eternity with Him in heaven.

I've been thinking about what form the "seed" I planted in Patrick might have looked like. Since I worked with him for a period of time it might have been not just a single thing but over time being consistent in how I conducted myself - in doing the right thing, showing kindness, how I interacted with employees, or an outward showing of my faith itself. Since as Christians we should try to live lives that reflect what we have on the inside to shine into this world. Maybe that's what he saw, and it made an impression. We never know who's watching when we go about our jobs or even on a simple trip to the grocery store for that matter. If we practice a Christian lifestyle, at first it might seem a little difficult but with practice it will become as natural as breathing. We can then witness to others more easily and be believed more readily if we practice what we preach!

LeuAnna Taylor

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.



Luke 8:11, 15

